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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

JACLYN RAE SLEATER, and others,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BENTON COUNTY, a municipal  
corporation,  
Defendant.

No. 4:17-CV-05033-SAB

**ORDER RE: LATE FILED  
CLAIMS**

On November 8, 2023, the Court approved the Class Action Settlement that was reached in the above-captioned case. ECF No. 200. The Court directed the parties to file additional briefing that addressed late-filed claims.

After reviewing the parties' briefing, the Court finds good cause to allow the thirteen late-filed claims identified by Plaintiff. *See* ECF No. 202. Equitable considerations support the accepting of the late-filed claims because doing so (1) would not prejudice other Settlement Class members; (2) would have only a minuscule monetary effect on the overall settlement; and (3) would result in Benton County still paying a small fraction of the amount it agreed to pay.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The late-file claims identified in ECF No. 202 are accepted.

2. The Claims Administrator is ordered to accept the late-filed claims set forth in ECF No. 202 and provide payment to these Class Members consistent with

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1 the Settlement Agreement.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter  
3 this Order, provide copies to counsel, and **close** the file.

4 **DATED** this 21st day of November 2023.



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11 Chief United States District Judge  
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